

## Claims

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A kiosk comprising:
  - a housing;
  - processing circuitry/logic within said housing;
  - a display supported by said housing and in communication with said processing circuitry/logic; and
  - a scanner in communication with said processing circuitry/logic and detachably mounted to said housing.
2. The kiosk of claim 1, further comprising a scanner housing supporting said scanner, said scanner housing being detachable mounted to said housing.
3. The kiosk of claim 2, wherein said scanner housing is coupled to said housing via a tether.
4. The kiosk of claim 3, wherein said tether is retractable.
5. The kiosk of claim 2, further comprising a locking mechanism associated with said scanner housing and operative to lock said scanner housing to said housing.

6. The kiosk of claim 1, further comprising a display housing supporting said display, said display housing supported by said housing.

7. A kiosk comprising:

a housing;

a processor disposed within said housing;

a display supported by said housing and in communication with said processor; and

a scanner detachably mounted to said housing and in communication with said processor;

said kiosk operative in a first mode wherein said scanner is detached from said housing, and in a second mode wherein said scanner is fixed relative to said housing.

8. The kiosk of claim 7, further comprising a scanner housing supporting said scanner, said scanner housing being detachably mounted to said housing.

9. The kiosk of claim 8, wherein said scanner housing is coupled to said housing via a tether.

10. The kiosk of claim 9, wherein said tether is retractable.

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11. The kiosk of claim 8, further comprising a locking mechanism associated with said scanner housing and operative to lock said scanner housing to said housing.

12. The kiosk of claim 7, further comprising a display housing supporting said display, said display housing supported by said housing.

13. A kiosk comprising:

a first housing;  
processing circuitry disposed within said first housing;  
a touch-screen display supported by said first housing and in communication with said processing circuitry;  
a second housing detachably coupled to said first housing; and  
a scanner disposed in said second housing and in communication with said processing circuitry;  
said scanner operative in both an attached and a detached mode.

14. The kiosk of claim 13, wherein said second housing is detachable coupled to said first housing via a tether.

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15. The kiosk of claim 14, wherein said tether is retractable.

16. The kiosk of claim 14, further comprising a lock associated with said second housing and operative to lock said second housing to said first housing.

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